

"The Club of Rome"

"Driven by a heightened awareness of the precariousness of life on Earth, the people of these micro-communities sought a self-sufficient life outside of consumerism, political turmoil, war, and the oil crisis. It was a movement concerned with creating alternative models against the growth evidenced in the Club of Rome's analysis, and the *Whole Earth Catalog* was their instruction manual."

I have often thought about this. I think about what it would be like to live in a world without capitalism or work-centric infrastructures. I think about how much happier I, and society as a whole, might have been. Why do we have to chase after money to survive? Why do we have to be so focused on success and material possessions? Why is our worth and status based on this capitalism? I like to imagine a world where we live more closely with nature; I imagine solar panels and naturalistic architecture. Even more so, I imagine communities that can rely on one another to help maintain what is built physically and metaphysically. It is always nice to think about. To imagine.